

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all other listings and versions of the claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A GG36 protease variant comprising an amino acid sequence consisting essentially of the amino acid sequence of GG36 protease and having a substitution at the residue positions equivalent to residue positions 26 and 218 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said substitutions comprises V26T or V26S, and N218S, wherein equivalent positions are determined by primary amino acid sequence alignment, and wherein the variant has protease activity under detergent wash conditions.

2. (Currently Amended) The GG36 protease variant of claim 1, wherein said variant ~~includes at least one~~ exhibits improved property selected from a) wash performance and b) stability as compared to the subtilisin set forth in SEQ ID NO:6.

3. (Previously presented) The GG36 protease variant of Claim 1, wherein said protease variant exhibits improved thermostability as compared to the subtilisin set forth in SEQ ID NO:6.

4-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A DNA encoding a the GG36 protease variant of claim 1.

16. (Currently Amended) An expression vector ~~encoding~~ comprising the DNA of claim 15.

17. (Original) A host cell transformed with the expression vector of claim 16.

18. (Previously presented) A cleaning composition comprising the GG36 protease variant of claim 1.